SUBJECT No. 83.

Amendment of Section 2 of the Breach of Contract Act, XIII of 1859.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, South Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Summary of Representation.—Section 2 of Act XIII, the Breach of Contract Act of 1859, may be amended as follows:—

(*a*) sum to be advanced to coolies should not exceed Rs. 25 each;

(*b*) in the case of mestris, no limit need be fixed as to the amount of the advance;

(*c*) provision may be made for the service in British India, of warrants issued by the Mysore Courts and the inconveniences which mestris, planters and agriculturists at present suffer from, removed.

Note.—Discussed with Subject No. 82.

SUBJECT No. 84.

Amendment of the Mysore Civil Law on the lines of the British Indian Law in regard to the maximum amount of interest recoverable on the principal.

Mr. S. Krishnaswami Rao, Mysore Taluk.

Mr. S. Krishnaswami Rao.—The law that the interest claimed in civil suits should not exceed the principal may be abolished. This causes great loss to the plaintiff many a time, as in many cases suits are not disposed of early and prolonged for a considerable time. This will also in a way encourage the defendant to cause as much delay as possible in the disposal of the case by putting forth frivolous excuses so that the case may be adjourned. There will also be room to the increase of contested suits. A change in the present law is therefore very essential.

Chief Judge.—We have decided to follow the rules and law prevailing in Bombay, Calcutta and other places. This is a customary law and cannot therefore be altered. If suits are filed in proper time, there will be no room for such complaints.

Second Member of Council.—A change in the law does not seem to be necessary.

Dewan.—I do not think that this is of any great importance. The suggestion cannot receive any favourable consideration.

SUBJECT No. 85.

Introduction of Gambling Act.

Mr. K. Venkataswamiah, Mysore District Board.

Summary of Representation.—The Police Act is not effective enough to stop gambling altogether. It is very necessary that a separate Gambling Act should be introduced.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—Gambling Act is no use; others benefit by it. Strict control is what is wanted.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 86.

Prevention of the slaughter of cattle.

Messrs. K. Narnappa, Gubbi Komaraiya, Hole-Narsipur Taluk; Bale Venkatasamaiya, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; N. S. Nanjundaiya, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk; H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality, and T. Siddappa, Dodballapur Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—The question has been discussed many times before and the matter is again brought to the notice of Government.

Reply of Government.—It is for the people to come to an understanding. Government cannot interfere in such matters.